

You young people have demonstrated your faith in America, and your hopes for its future, by the effort you have made here at this college to refine your talents, to increase your knowledge and to broaden your understanding. You will find that the rewards for your efforts will be rich and enduring, whether you decide after this commencement to embark immediately upon a vocation or to pursue your formal studies further.

In congratulate all of you heartily on your achievements. May the years ahead bring you a full measure of success and happiness.

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One of the major problems facing all of us—governors, legislators, college or university presidents, or simply interested citizens—is the obvious need for coordinating higher education. As the number of students, the number of institutions and the cost of higher education increase, it becomes more and more important that the states does something to insure effective planning. On the one hand we want to be sure that we are fully meeting the needs of our people, and on the other hand we also want to be sure that we are not engaging in wasteful forms of duplication and competition between institutions.

At the present time two-thirds of the 50 states have established some type of higher education planning and coordinating agency. In our own SREB region 10 of the 15 states have such an agency Maryland is one of the 10.

Maryland devoted a great deal of time and study to this program before it established its present higher education coordinating agency. We did studies of higher education as long ago as 1920, and since then we have had no less than seven major studies of higher education in the State. Nearly every one of these reports recommended that the State establish some type of coordinating agency, but the reports were not in full agreement concerning the stype of agency